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MONTANI HELD IN COURT

Waldo Is Silent and All Officials Plainly Distressed Over Unrepressed Violence.

Signs of stress in the Police Department because of the inability of the detectives to make headway in clearing up the recent crimes of violence were conspicuous last evening. Deputy Police Commissioner Dougherty was plainly irritated, although he said that he was entirely satisfied with the work his men had done under present conditions. While he would not express an opinion as to whether something might have been accomplished if the police were able to work with less restriction in picking up criminals than they enjoy under the expressed views of Mayor Gaynor, he did say that he believed that professional criminals who would not work—criminals without visible means of support—should be made to break stones for a living.

Efforts to get from Police Commissioner Waldo his views on the subject were as futile as on Saturday. So Deputy Commissioner Dougherty was asked last evening if there had not been a consultation between Commissioner Waldo and his deputies on the question of whether the department had not been hampered by the breaking up of the central detective bureau and the abolishment of the lineup of crooks at Police Headquarters every morning.

"You should ask the Commissioner about that," said Dougherty. "But the Commissioner won't be interviewed on the subject," he was told. "Well, I am here all the time," said Deputy Dougherty. "I am ready to answer all questions and I have answered them right along where it has been consistent with public policy. I am independent of everybody in the matter of ferreting out crime. I have sixty men working under my direct orders in the \$25,000 taxicab robbery in Trinity place. I can have 6,000 men if I want them. I am no chicken in this game. I am a working man and this job is not the only one I have ever had. I am not making this statement in an epistolical sense. I am going to convince the public that I can deliver the goods, and believe me I am going to deliver the goods."

Then this question was put to Mr. Dougherty: "In view of the taxicab robbery of the two East River Bank messengers, the holdup of George Horth in Thirty-fifth street near Sixth avenue on Friday night, the holdup and robbery of Irving Beckerman on the Bowery after leaving the German Exchange Bank and the killing of Mrs. Walker two weeks ago in her flat in Seventy-seventh street by a bomb that was sent to her, nothing of a definite nature having been accomplished in the capture of the perpetrators of any of these crimes, is there any reason why the public should not lose confidence in the present police management?"

"The public should have confidence," answered the Commissioner. "The bomb mystery is a deep crime and cannot be solved in a day. It is only fair that the public should give us time. There is no reason why the public should lose confidence that I can see."

Deputy Commissioner Dougherty had pressed this statement with the comment that "there had been progress" in the police investigation of the several crimes which have been worrying the entire department, particularly the detective chiefs. Gen. Montani, the driver of the taxicab in which the two bank messengers were blackjacked and robbed on Thursday, had been held earlier in the day by Magistrate Herbert in the Tombs police court in \$5,000 bail.

Magistrate Herbert seemed to think that the police did not have much material evidence against Montani, but he finally accepted the police view that Montani should be held. In explaining the attitude of the police Commissioner Dougherty said last evening: "We are not worrying about him. We can get him any time we want him. We can arrest Montani on another case and Montani knows it."

Commissioner Dougherty did not explain what this case was. Heretofore he has said that the police had been unable to break down Montani's story. On the contrary there was one witness who confirmed what Montani had said of the circumstances of the escape of the holdup men in a black touring car. Commissioner Dougherty has insisted that Montani's record was good and that he believed that the Italian driver had been riding the police.

It was after Montani had been locked up in the Tombs because he could not get bail and after the Deputy Commissioner had conferred with his detectives last evening that he was asked if he was satisfied with the powers which a detective could exercise under the present administration.

"You've got to be satisfied," he said. "Let me tell you this. I know of a case within the last two months of a criminal who was caught with the goods, a man who was sent to court. That sometimes happens, but it was not up to us. I am not criticizing the District Attorney. I am not criticizing the courts, but you can see what we are up against."

"There is another point. Why should a large number of men without visible means of support—men with criminal records be allowed to roam around the city? There should be some law which would make them work. We can do nothing under present conditions. I am not talking about the man who has done wrong and paid the punishment, but if he is a bad man who will not work send him to the penitentiary. Make him improve the streets. Make him do any kind of useful improvements that will keep the city clean."

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PUPILS FIGHT SCHOOL FIRE.

Leave Homes After Midnight and Risk Lives Rescuing Books.

MOUNT VERNON, N. Y., Feb. 18.—Several hundred boys and girls aided Principal C. Hill in saving valuable records, books, papers and desks from a fire which destroyed the North Pelham public school shortly after midnight. The school, which was a new structure and cost nearly \$50,000, was destroyed although the Pelham Manor fire department as well as Engine Company 1 of Mount Vernon fought hard to save the structure.

When the alarm was given it awakened the children and as soon as they learned that their schoolhouse was on fire they dressed and went to the scene, followed by their parents. Principal Hill, who has been the head of the school for thirty-five years, was joined by some of the older boys and they were marshalled by him in line and rushed to his office. A squad of pupils seized the old desk in front of which Mr. Hill has presided during all the years he has been principal and which he prized highly and carried it to the street.

Before the firemen arrived boys and girls had seized pails of water which they gave to their parents and in this manner tried to stop the spread of the flames. Boys hurried from room to room, picking up books, desks and other school paraphernalia, which they took to the street.

The school building stood on the crest of a hill and the flames attracted a large crowd, many people driving in automobiles from Pelham Manor, New Rochelle, Mount Vernon and East Chester. The falling of one of the walls injured two firemen. Charles Geoffrey of Pelham Manor was struck by a brick which came an artery in his wrist, and John Kern, a member of Engine Company 1, of Mount Vernon was severely injured. He was on a ladder when the wall caved in and he received a deep laceration in his head. The men were taken to Mount Vernon Hospital.

The building was insured for \$22,000 on Wednesday.

SOCIALIST MAKES TROUBLE.

Reichstag Vice-President Won't Ask for Audience With the Kaiser.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

BERLIN, Feb. 18.—The trouble which it was foreseen would result from the election of Philip Scheidemann, the Socialist as First Vice-President of the Reichstag, has already broken out. The Kaiser on the advice of Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg has refused to receive Johannes Kaempf, the Radical Deputy from the Emperor's own district, who was elected President of the Reichstag when Dr. Spahn declined to serve with a Socialist, and Heinrich Dove, the Radical Second Vice-President, because Herr Scheidemann declined to join them in the customary application for an audience with the Emperor. This application, as is usual, was made after the officers of the Reichstag had been elected. The Socialist party does not recognize court functions and for this reason Scheidemann refused to append his name to the official application.

The situation is unprecedented and no solution of the difficulty can be foreseen at present. The Socialists interpret the action of the Emperor as an attempt to prevent the ratification of the election of Herr Scheidemann, a formally which is necessary within a month after he has been chosen by the Reichstag, and to compel the election of some member other than a Socialist in his place.

It would be unprecedented, however, to have the strongest party in the Reichstag unrepresented among the presiding officers.

Speed Washington's Birthday at VIRGINIA HOT SPRINGS.

Train leaves Penn. R. Station 5:30 P. M. Daily.—Ad.

KNOX TOLD COLOMBIA MAY NOT WELCOME HIM

Minister of the Republic Says a Visit Would Be "Inopportune."

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On February 13 last Acting Secretary Wilson informed the Colombian Minister of Secretary Knox's forthcoming visit to the South and Central American republics and advised him that Mr. Knox would probably include Colombia in his itinerary. Here is the Colombian Minister's reply, made public at the legation to-night.

I hasten to acknowledge the receipt of your esteemed favor of the 13th inst., which was left at the residence of the Secretary of State in the afternoon of the 14th and received by me today, as the Secretary passed the entire day in the offices of the legation and when he found this letter it was already too late to cause it to be delivered to me the same night.

In the letter referred to you are kind enough to inform me that, as the Secretary of State may perhaps decide to extend his trip south, in such manner as to include in it a visit to my country. By the mail leaving to-morrow I shall advise my Government of this matter and ask for instructions. Speaking, therefore, in my own name and without any knowledge of the views of my Government on the matter, I take the liberty of suggesting that there is perhaps reason to believe that such a visit of his Excellency the Secretary of State may happen to be considered as inopportune at the present time, in view of the fact that Colombia still finds herself placed by the United States in an exceptional position, as the only member of the numerous family of independent nations scattered over the face of the earth to which, despite its constant demands, the United States refuses to submit to arbitration questions referring exclusively to the interpretation of public treaties and the compliance with obligations imposed by the universally accepted principles of international law on all civilized nations in their relations one with another. It is meet to mention here that even the ex-President of the United States, Mr. Roosevelt, both when he occupied that position and when, returned to private life, he has dealt in public with these matters, has always emphatically maintained the propriety and desirability of submitting to the decision of an impartial tribunal of arbitration the decision of international controversies involving such questions.

I shall appreciate it if, in my suggestion, is taken as born of the desire which animates me to avoid any occasion of aggravating the differences which exist between the two countries, and to see the hour arrive when they may be satisfactorily settled, to which my country always has been and is now disposed.

Nearly three months have elapsed since, in compliance with the instructions of my Government, I presented to the Government of the United States the demand for the arbitration of the existing controversy; and I see myself obliged to say, with surprise and mortification, which you will doubtless well understand, that up to the present I have not had the honor of receiving a reply. One of the several grounds of complaint put forward, if my memory serves me well, as I have not the documents at hand, by the Government of the United States to the Government of Great Britain in 1902-03, when in such peremptory terms it demanded the submission to arbitration of the boundary question then pending with Venezuela, was, as you will well remember, that England had left without reply for a considerable length of time an important note of the State Department. Let it be permitted to Colombia in her weakness to respectfully and candidly express how hard it is for her to see herself subjected to a like treatment. No one who knows the unrest which is being felt in my country at the delay in the satisfactory disposal of these questions will fail to look sympathetically upon the efforts which it is necessary for me to make to obtain that a settlement be arrived at as rapidly as possible.

This action, it was predicted in diplomatic circles to-night, will most likely lead to the Minister's recall. The language of the note may be decided by the State Department as a personal affront to the Secretary of State, in which case the Colombian Government will be notified that he is persona non grata. If

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MAD DOG BITES FIVE.

Pursued in Vain Through Mount Vernon Streets After Church Time.

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MAYOR GAYNOR LOOKING WELL.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Feb. 18.—Mayor Gaynor continued to fight off all interviewers to-day, putting in most of his time on the Boardwalk with Mrs. Gaynor. The Mayor looked much better this afternoon and said he already felt the benefit of his relaxation in the salt air.

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PRISONER CHAINED TO POST.

Refuses to Clean Streets and Wins Coin From Passersby.

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Feb. 18.—James O'Connell, who says his home is in Chicago, stood chained to a post in the public square yesterday after he had refused to work with a street cleaning gang. He was under sentence for vagrancy.

O'Connell's predicament won sympathy from many persons, and when he was taken back to jail donations amounting to \$2.20 were found in his pockets. The prisoner told the jail keeper that he was worth more tied to a post than he would be with the street cleaning department.

TALENTED HANDS, COLD FEET.

Young Sculptor Arrested When He Begged for a Pair of Shoes.

Martin Bethke, a sculptor, whose recent address has been the municipal lodging house, was arraigned in the Yorkville police court yesterday on a charge of begging. He is 23 years old and said that his father holds a place corresponding to Alderman in a German town. The young sculptor was graduated from the Academy of Fine Arts in Munich and served a year in the German army. He had a falling out with his father and came to this country a year ago.

Yesterday morning he went to East Sixty-sixth street and asked for a pair of shoes. He was arrested, but Magistrate Appleton said he would be a pity to send a young man of so much talent to the workhouse, and discharged him.

MESSAGE TO HELEN SMITH.

Runaway's Distracted Mother Promises to Make Her Welcome Home.

Mrs. F. H. Smith, the mother of Helen Smith, the Brooklyn girl who left her home at 121 Dean street some time on February 5, has written to THE SUN saying that if her daughter will return she need have no fear of the consequences.

"I am distracted," she writes, "and can bear little more. You will be doing a worthy and charitable act if you will give the necessary space to make known generally that her welfare and safety are our one desire and if she will return she need have no fear of the consequences, since we will welcome and give her the love and protection from which she is now adrift."

The girl, who is 15 years old, left home with Miss Jean Campbell, divorced wife of Harry Hyland Lyon of St. Louis, and her parents asked the police to look for her. She had disappeared before. So far no trace of the girl or her companion has been found.

THIEVES ATTACK WOMAN.

Servant Unable to Prevent \$2,000 Robbery in North White Plains.

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Feb. 18.—After a servant, Mrs. Mary Sutton, had battled with two masked men in her room for twenty minutes last night the robbers finally put her to flight and robbed the home of J. J. Vile at North White Plains of diamond rings, diamond and pearl brooches and gold watches worth in all \$2,000. They were evidently amateur thieves who had gained an entrance to the upper floor of the house.

Mrs. Sutton was alone except for an infant child and before retiring she went to look at the babe. As she leaned over the bed she was seized from behind and commanded to keep quiet.

She fought her captors and succeeded in pushing them from the room. She locked the door then and escaped by a window to give an alarm. The thieves broke in the door and ransacked the place before she could get help.

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